

DECISION DAY.

The Sunday-School Pentecost Follows the Annual "Week of Reaping."

PARENTS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS.

Paper read by Mrs. W. J. Figgott, of Irvington, at the Sunday-School Association at this place Thursday, June 14th.

A common criticism of the Sunday school is that it fails to accomplish its purpose, that it rarely records conversions as a result of its teaching; therefore the Sunday school associations of several states have adopted a plan of action which must result in a great gathering of precious souls.

Each association calls upon every Sunday School in its state to observe a certain week in the year as a "week of reaping."

The Sabbath following that week is Decision Day. The associations state the first great purpose of Decision Day to be, to reap such of the grain as might be ripened to harvest, and second to arouse Sunday school workers and parents to the necessity of so teaching the word that it may have opportunity to develop, and so cultivate the tender growth that it may mature and so watch for the coloring that denotes ripeness as to speak the winning word at the opportune moment, and thus secure the harvest.

During the week of reaping, special services are held by teachers and parents, for the fixed purpose of prayer and supplication to God for the salvation of pupils and children.

There are no fixed times when God is specially willing to pardon, he is always willing. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" saith the Lord, and "Seek and ye shall find." Yet while this is true we know that the seasons when soul harvest are more readily gathered are those which follow periods of preaching and teaching for immediate salvation.

There is a wonderful efficiency in concerted action.

The greatest pentecost recorded was the day upon which the Christian church was assembled "with one accord in one place."

It is the privilege of every Sunday school to have a pentecost and as organized effort in any direction is much more effective than is a greater force unorganized, the adoption of this Decision Day plan in all of our states would, we believe, result in the reaping of a bountiful harvest.

We do not need to examine statistics of churches to prove that men and women who have rejected Christ for many years are seldom led to accept him. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" said the Christ, and the natural time to decide for Christ seems to be during childhood and early youth.

We have not yet adopted the Decision Day plan in our state, and in the absence of this organized effort at sowing and reaping, what are we doing? Are we accomplishing enough in the way of leading souls to Christ? The fields are ripe, why not gather the harvest? We have the promise, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." And again, "He that goeth forth with weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

Are we sufficiently alive to the needs of the age, of the day, of the hour? We are optimistic enough to believe that the world is growing better, but are we helping it all we can? The true teacher of God's word will teach in constant expectation that the unconverted will accept Christ as a personal Savior, and that those who are saved will grow in grace and in a knowledge of the love of God.

If we have fellowship with God enthusiasm will creep into our work. Enthusiasm has been defined as "God in us" and when we see the results of intense enthusiasm we feel sure that it is a God given qualification.

All of the great movements that have swept the earth with power have originated in the mind of and developed by the will of some great enthusiast.

Sacred and profane history teem with examples of mighty deeds done by the power of enthusiasm. Garibaldi was an enthusiast. On his way to Rome in 1867 he was told that he would be imprisoned. He said if Garibaldi were imprisoned, let Rome be free! St. Paul was an enthusiast, holy enthusiasm his. He said, "I would to God that not only thou but all who hear me this day were both almost and altogether such as I am except these bonds." Martin Luther was an enthusiast; inspired enthusiasm.

When warned of his danger he said, "If I had fifty heads I would lose them all rather than recant." Success depends upon the amount of life blood we put into our work.

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Perhaps you are all familiar with the story of a certain artist who surprised and puzzled his competitors by the great beauty of a certain shade of red, which he put into his pictures. The artist died and many scars were found upon his body.

The mystery was solved. He had taken his own life blood and mixed with the paint. This was little better than a heathen sacrifice, but why do we not give the best that is in us to our Sunday School work, remembering that impressions are for time and eternity.

People are desperately in earnest in secular affairs, why shouldn't the same amount of earnestness animate them in religious matters? Many of us wonder that we fail, that no conversions are recorded as a result of our teaching, that the seed we sow seems to fall anywhere but in good ground.

Our experience is similar to those of the man who visited the trout stream. He reported that hundreds of the trout saw him, were disturbed by him and were conscious of his presence but not one of them was caught. Sunday School classes are conscious of a teacher's presence and may be entertained, but he is not accomplishing the real work of the teacher unless the pupils learn through him to know God.

The true fisherman will do more than entertain the fish, he will catch them. I never observe a member of my class intently studying the landscape through the nearest window, or intensely interested in the personal adornment of the girl just in front of her, that I do not feel that there must be a painful lack of vitality in my teaching. We need in our work enthusiasm and courage and watchfulness such as Napoleon called the two o'clock in the morning kind, we need to overcome the apathy of the flesh, the allurements of the world that beset both pupil and teacher and the blandishments of the evil one. Let us remember also that which attracted the multitudes to Christ was not Christ's teaching alone, but his lowly humble life, his personal ministrations and his helpfulness.

Christianity exemplified is much more effective than theoretical Christianity. Our pupils and the world will be much sooner won to Christ by the former. This is a commercial age, goods sell by samples.

Judged by many samples of Christians we see it is but small wonder that Christianity is regarded as a worthless commodity.

Our living is more convincing than our logic. Some one has said that "Christianity is not a drifting upon divine currents, it is earnest navigation toward a desired haven."

If we have failed during the past year to lead souls to Christ it is probably because we have depended too much on our own strength and resources. Spurgeon says, "Let not any of us talk to our Sunday School class or preach from the pulpit or write a letter about our Lord until we have had a fresh glimpse of him. When you have yourself been with Christ, when you have yourself just come forth from the ivory palaces of communion and fellowship with the Lord Jesus, all your garments will smell of myrrh and aloes and cassia and your words will have some of the precious savor clinging to them."

Let us fix our hearts so completely upon Him that when we cry to others "Behold the Lamb of God" it shall be because we have ourselves just beheld Him. Let us abide in Christ. "He that abideth in me bringeth forth much fruit."

In all the outlines of the plans for Decision Day which I have seen, the parents were important factors in the work. The Ohio association urges parents personally to interview and pray with their children on the Saturday preceding Decision Day which Saturday is called the day of contact. Parents and teachers are asked to observe the hour of noon on that day as a season of prayer and

heart searching. Isn't it certain that concerted action of this nature on the part of parents and teachers would result in a glorious harvest? We doubt God's word if we do not believe it.

There is no trust in the world so important as the trust of parentage and none which many people regard more lightly. Food, clothing, shelter and schooling they provide but they utterly ignore the fact that the creator has intrusted to them the most susceptible and receptive creature on earth when he commits to their charge a human soul.

Every parent who has observed his child at all knows what an imitative creature he is, and we all know that tendencies to good or evil character often spring from parental influence.

Think of the monotonous uniformity in the history of certain Jewish kings.

Each one walked in the way of his father, and did evil in the sight of the Lord.

The fathers made the path and the sons walked in it.

Many a father studies his account book or the political situation more than he studies the peculiarities of his child; and many a mother gives more attention to the needs of her poultry, the latest novel, or the choicest bit of neighborhood gossip than she does to the inclinations of her sons and daughters.

Statistics show that there is a decline in the percentage of conversions in several denominations.

Is not much of this due to the decline of home religion? Along a rocky shore on the Massachusetts coast are many wrecks.

A traveller asked an old sea captain, "Why are there so many wrecks?" "Bad steering" was the laconic reply.

I think the Christ looks down upon this world, and he sees the sea upon which we make the voyage of life strewn with the wrecks of those who sailed out of the harbor with promise and joy, and his great, tender, loving heart throbs with an infinite pity for these victims of bad steering.

Some one is responsible. Is it you? Is it I? With Jesus as the Captain every little bark may be guided to a safe and beautiful haven.

Dear friends, let us urge upon our pupils and children the importance of deciding for God. Nothing is more noble than decision of character, and when that decision comes at the dictates of conscience, it is sublime. It led Joseph from a dungeon to the throne of the Pharaohs.

It has given to the world a Daniel, a Luther, a Paul, and a Wesley. It is decision which shall carry the average of human character up higher and higher.

The great need of the world today is good and pure minded men and women with decision of character. Broad and liberal minded men and women of great soul and clear vision and firm convictions and faith and godliness. Men and women for whom the stake and the flame and the wild beasts would possess no terrors.

Men and women who by their genius, or holiness, or patriotism, or some other grace have kept alive the smouldering fires of truth and goodness. Such men were Moses and Elijah and Paul and St. Augustine, Luther, Washington and Lincoln. These men spoke great words, they thought great thoughts, they did great deeds. They marched across their age with a tread that shook the continents and a light that illuminated the world.

"Hidden somewhere in the Almighty's arsenal are truths as keen and strong as any that he has ever used," says a great divine, "and he will use them when the hour comes." Who shall say that some of these coming leaders may not be living among us today, their names unspoken. Tomorrow they will come forth, each a Sir Galahad, "whose strength is as the strength of ten because his heart is pure."

Parents, teachers and pupils let us grasp the opportunity to be among the deciding forces for right.

We are all endowed with some talents. It may be one, five, ten or twenty. Whatever it is, find it and use it in the Master's service.

In the Master's vineyard we may all find expression for our native abilities. We have but to grasp our opportunities. Alexander, the Great, said he "Conquered the world by not delaying." James A. Garfield said "Today is a king in disguise."

"Act, act in the living present." "If I were you, I'd see my path of duty so plain and straight without a curve or bend; and walk upon it without swerve or falter, from life's beginning to its end. I'd be so strong, so brave, so true, if I were you."

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1810	7,320,881	2,021,398	.37
1820	9,638,453	2,317,572	.32
1830	12,860,030	3,221,567	.33
1840	17,069,453	4,209,423	.33
1850	23,191,876	6,122,423	.35
1860	31,443,321	8,251,445	.35
1870	38,558,371	7,115,050	.22
1880	50,156,783	11,597,412	.30
1890	62,622,250	12,465,467	.25

The population for 1900 at an increase of 21 per cent over the population would be 75,772,922.
(An increase of 13,150,672.)

At an increase of 22 per cent it would be 76,399,144
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Mrs. Martha Canahan is on the sick list.

Cowley Tilford is very sick at this writing.

Miss Hattie May was on the sick list last week.

J. W. Pate, of Jolly Station, was in town this week.

Born to the wife of Prof. L. W. Godsey on the 21st inst., a girl.

The family of J. A. Harris visited at Mr. Lum Bratchers Sunday.

Mr. Bob Keown, of Rockport, Ind., who is in bad health, is visiting his brother, S. O. Keown.

The pupils of Prof. Godsey are practicing for and entertainment to be given the first of the month.

There was an ice cream supper and

pound party given at Mr. Charlie Whittier's Saturday night. A large crowd attended.

Misses Flora Tilford and Jessie Henderson, who have been off attending school, have returned home. We are glad to see them back.

There is to be a grand picnic given by the Fordsville people close to town on the Fourth. A premium will be given to the winner in a bicycle race.

A young man by the name of Hall, who died of consumption, was brought here Sunday evening and buried at the Fordsville cemetery. A large crowd was present, and all sympathized with the bereaved ones.

A young man by the name of Joe Staples, formerly of this place but now living at Deanfield and working at the mines, lately met with a terrible accident. One day last week he was carry-

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